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METHOD FOR MONITORING POLYMER  
PRODUCTION BY MEANS OF MASS  
SPECTROSCOPY

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Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the references which are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B and copies of non-U.S. patent references are attached.

U.S. Patent No. 4,680,376 is believed to be an English equivalent of DE 3544551, both of which have been cited herein.

Citation of these references is respectfully requested.

No concession is made that these documents are prior art, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to antedate the documents as may be appropriate.

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